

REMARKS

Claims 1, 7, 11, 12, and 14-16 are canceled and claims 2-6, 8-10, and 13 are amended.

Applicants assert that the amendments do not introduce new subject matter and are made in accordance with 37 CFR 1.116 for amendments after final.

In the subject Office action dated 27 July 2004, Claims 1, 5-7, 8, 11, 12, 14, and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Daravina. Claims 2 and 3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Daravina in view of Gittens. Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Daravina in view of Nelson. Claims 5 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Daravina in view of Murphy. Claim 9 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Daravina in view of Henderson.

Applicants appreciate the indication that claim 13 is allowable if rewritten into independent form. Applicants have thus rewritten claim 13 incorporating the limitations of base claim 7 and intervening claim 12, placing it in condition for allowance. Applicants have also amended claims 2-6 and 8-10 to depend from claim 13. Allowance of these claims as amended is also requested.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, all pending claims are in a condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicants submit that all pending claims overcome the rejections presented in the Office Action, and respectfully request reconsideration and an early notice of allowance.

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